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### NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., June 20, 2003 - Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 1.93 million cattle on feed on June 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 6 percent from last year and 8 percent below June 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 360,000 head, up 3 percent from 2002 but 4 percent below 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 500,000 head, up 12 percent from last year but 4 percent below May two years ago. Other disappearance during May totaled 10,000 compared with 15,000 last year and 15,000 during May 2001.

### U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.53 million head on June 1, 2003. The inventory was 4 percent below June 1, 2002 and 6 percent below June 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 1 percent above 2002 but 3 percent below 2001.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.23 million, 3 percent above 2002 and 1 percent above 2001. Other disappearance totaled 65,000 during May, 16 percent below 2002 and 36 percent below 2001.

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